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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Khanh Tran

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Preliminary Amendment filed on 04/27/2006 has been entered. Claims 1-12 are pending in this Office action.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “, which comprises” should be changed to -- the communication apparatus comprising --. Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “, which comprises” should be changed to -- the communication apparatus comprising --. Appropriate correction is required.

4. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --; in line 10, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --. Appropriate correction is required.

5. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --. Appropriate correction is required.

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6. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “, which comprises” should be changed to -- the communication apparatus comprising --.

Appropriate correction is required.

7. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “, which comprises” should be changed to -- the communication apparatus comprising --; in line 23, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --. Appropriate correction is required.

8. Claim 10 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “, which comprises” should be changed to -- the communication apparatus comprising --; in line 21, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --. Appropriate correction is required.

9. Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5, “, which comprises” should be changed to -- the communication apparatus comprising --; in line 22, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --. Appropriate correction is required.

10. Claim 12 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 7, “ -1” should be changed to -- M-1 --. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wong U.S. Patent 6,947,509 B1 discloses "Oversampled Filter Bank For Subband Processing".

Kjeldsen et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0231714 A1 discloses "System And Method For Orthogonally Multiplexed Signal Transmission And Reception".

Wiese, Jr. U.S. Patent 6,493,666 B2 discloses "System And Method For Processing Data From And For Multiple Channels".

Benedetto U.S. Patent 5,388,182 discloses "Nonlinear method and apparatus for coding and decoding acoustic signals with data compression and noise suppression using cochlear filters, wavelet analysis, and irregular sampling reconstruction".

12. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The outstanding issues as discussed above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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